

Organization of Wasatch Stake

On July 15, 1877, Elders John Taylor and Franklin D. Richards organized the Wasatch Stake, with Abram Hatch as Stake President and Thomas H. Giles and Henry S. Alexander as counselors. At the same time, Heber was divided into two wards, with those living east of Main Street in East Ward with Thomas Rasband as Bishop and those living west of Main Street in West Ward with William Foreman as Bishop. The two Wards continued to meet jointly in Sacrament Meetings at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. The Bishoprics took turns conducting in the old Social Hall.

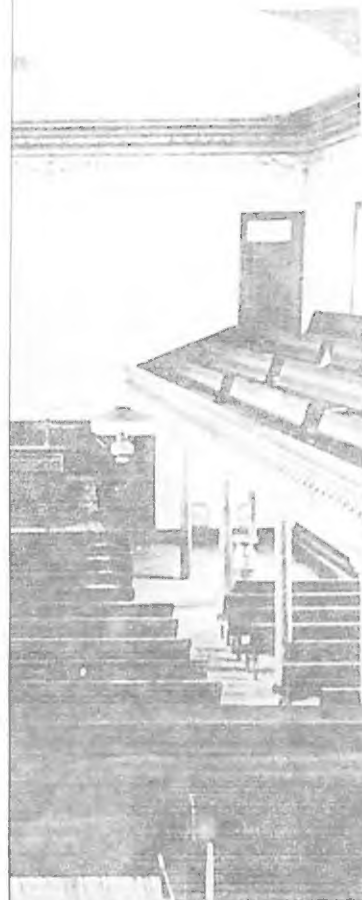
Wasatch Stake Tabernacle Built

Ten years after the Stake was organized, President Hatch realized the need to build a Stake House or Stake Tabernacle, because membership had grown to 2,296 members in the Valley. He recommended that the Saints contribute a tithe of their time, every 10 days, to labor on Church property. This rule was carried on for some time.



Wasatch Stake Tabernacle dedicated by Elder Francis M. Lyman on May 5, 1889.

3rd Ward



Tabernacle before 1930.

use and built the entire structure — sandstone quarried by hand in Heber City, for \$30,000.

May 5, 1898 by Elder Francis M. Lyman and twelve Apostles.

ful for. The Lord has blessed this occasion for idleness. No better Sabbath, and winters are not oppressive for gray-haired men and women,

who figured in the beginning of the work, have gone to their rest and others are following everyday. On the shoulders of the young is a marvelous work being shifted. Will they be able to bear the responsibilities instant to it, with fortitude, courage and determination of the rare wisdom that their parents exhibited? Let her institutions grow like the sturdy oak — rooted by each storm and broad and beautiful enough to shelter all people."

Historical Note:

"At this time, September 1987, plans are underway to renovate and restore the one hundred year historical Wasatch Stake Tabernacle to house the Heber City offices, a museum and a meeting hall."